



Idaho Master Naturalists – Pend Oreille Chapter

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General Meeting Minutes November 8, 2012

Meeting was called to order at 9:10 am by President Gail.

Members present: Gail, Valle, Phil, Clem, Denise, Karen, Dennis, Derek, Pete, Lori (quorum of 4)

Secretary Report: Minutes of October 11, 2012, were approved (motion Clem, 2nd Valle) passed unanimously, they will be posted on MN Chapter website. Please check for new announcements and calendar items on the Chapter website: <https://fishandgame.idaho.gov/sites/Wildlife/IDMasterNaturalist/northIdaho/Lists/Calendar/>

Treasurer Report: There is \$1369.50 in bank checking account. There are several outstanding checks yet to be cashed for fair booth and library window expenses. Grant balance needs updating, receipts received from Pete this meeting. Upcoming Grant expenses include: snowblower for WDC, awnings for school field trips, bookcases (researched by Dennis, he will send info to Pete).

Committees:

Training/Field trips: Chair – Jon (absent)

- The Museum of Arts and Culture (MAC) in Spokane has opened their David Douglas exhibit (spearheaded by Jack Nisbet). A visit to the exhibit counts as training.
<http://www.northwestmuseum.org/> open Wednesday- Saturday 10-5 admission is \$7 unless you are a member.

Volunteer Services (Science/Education): Chair - Dave (reported by Dennis)

- Dave and Dennis have put together a list of the current volunteer opportunities for next year and a list of our accomplishments for this (2012) year. See list at end of minutes (Please review and let us know what needs to be added).
- Dave met Taylor Johnson a Park Ranger from the Corps of Engineers who was presenting a program at the Library. Taylor is very interested in the MN program and may have volunteer opportunities with campground programs during the summer. We will invite him to our Annual Meeting.

Communication: Chair – Valle

- Please, everyone, record your hours before the end of the calendar year – Be Counted! Every hour helps the IDFG. If you are having problems, please contact Lori or Gail. Yearly certification pins will be awarded based only on hours in the system.
<https://fishandgame.idaho.gov/sites/Wildlife/IDMasterNaturalist/northIdaho/default.aspx>
- Library presentations for February, March, and April. We hope to put together public forums with Derek – Hager Lake; Clem & Lori – Bluebirds & Kokanee; Michael Turnland – locally seen birds (final topic TBD)

- The Fall newsletter is on the Master Naturalists website. See <https://fishandgame.idaho.gov/sites/Wildlife/IDMasterNaturalist/default.aspx> under newsletters on the left side of page. Derek's Hager Lake update will appear in the next issue.
- Valle's bog cranberry article will appear next week in Scotchman Peaks newsletter.

Old Business:

- Library display was set up on Oct 23rd and will remain in place until Dec 4. Thank you all, especially Karen, for all your work and donations for the display. It looks great! Take a trip to see it.
- Regular WDC work days are done for the year. If a special work day is scheduled, it will be announced and put on the calendar. Pete notified us that he will have a crew enlarging the parking lot and modifying the far side of the pond in November.
- Nominations received for officers to be voted upon at the Annual Meeting in January are: President: Clem Yonker; Vice President: Gail Bolin; Treasurer: Dennis Braun; Secretary: Lori Getts. Committee Chairs will be appointed: Training/Field Trips: Karen Lamb; Volunteer Services: Dave Pietz; Communication: Valle Novak. Please vote at the meeting, or send your vote in advance to g-mail: imn.sandpoint@gmail.com. Volunteer sign up sheets will be available at this meeting. We also would like to invite those who signed up for 2013 class information to attend and give us their input on training – what month(s) to hold it, days of the week, morning or afternoon/evening, etc.
- **December – no general meeting.** Valle has invited us to her home for a Holiday Open House December 8, 2:00-5:00pm. (see our MN website for announcement)

New Business:

- Discussion about a committee to manage WDC was introduced. More discussion in future required.
- Clem volunteered to draft a letter of thanks to the CDA volunteers who worked at the WDC this summer mowing the lawn, weeding, removing downed trees, etc. Address letter to Chip Corsi, 2885 Kathleen Ave, Coeur d' Alene 83815. Copy John Rankin.
- Pete will be contacting Jack Nisbet about opening the WDC for hosted visits.
- **Our Annual Meeting to vote and install new officers will be January 10 (2nd Thursday) 5:30pm at the WDC.** We are having a pot luck meal, so bring a dish to share. We are also inviting some special guests and anyone who has expressed interest in the next MN training (sign-ups from the fair, e-mail inquiries, etc.) If you are unable to make this meeting and would like to vote in advance, please do so via e-mail or contact a board member. We are changing 2013 General Meeting days to 2nd Thursday of each month.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:00 am

Respectfully submitted, Lori Getts, Secretary

Addendum on next page: Chapter Accomplishments

2012 Chapter Accomplishments

Thanks to the volunteer efforts of Chapter members were able to move many programs forward:

- Projects completed at the WDC:
 - new boat dock to allow visitor access from the river.
 - new educational interpretive trail signs around the pond and pond outlet
 - new 3 sided welcome kiosk
 - noxious weed control-this is an ongoing project but substantial progress was made to control thistle and tansy.
 - new large screen projection monitor and TV/DVD
 - planted 120 sedge and rush plants and 108 trees, shrubs and wildflowers around the pond area.
 - installed a fish feeder for visitors to feed the pond fish and attract them to the windows
 - put up 6 blue bird houses around the grounds
- 13 students participated in Master Naturalist Training during spring 2012
- Blue Bird house sales at Earth Day
- Blue Bird trail of 9 nest boxes installed and monitored at Rapid Lightning Creek WMA
- Assisted ID F&G with kokanee spawning and planting program
- Science project at Hager Lake. The efforts by many was rewarded with a \$300 grant from the land owner, Archie George
- Bonner Co Fair booth provided good visibility for Master Naturalists
- Window display at Sandpoint Library, Oct-Dec
- Cooperating Organization participation
 - Friends of Scotchman Peaks
 - Phil Degens was recognized as a volunteer of the month
 - Master Water Stewards
 - Kinnikinnick Native Plant Society
 - Friends of Pend d Oreille Bay Trail

A few people can make a big difference!